

SITUATION REPORT NO. 30
INCIDENT NO. 2005-075
DATE: August 12, 2005 Time: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – On July 22, North Dakota received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe storms, flooding and ground saturation.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** The State Operations Center (SOC) received a report on August 8 that an individual was killed in Ransom County in a one-vehicle accident when disposing of deceased anthrax cattle in a pit. Ambulance personnel and local law enforcement assisted in removing the individual from the pit. Officers and first responders followed decontamination procedures, as recommended by the N.D. Department of Health.
3. **DAMAGES:** On August 12, the Bismarck Office of the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast indicated there was no hazardous weather expected this weekend. The Grand Forks Office of the NWS seven-day forecast predicted a chance of thunderstorms across the region Wednesday night, August 17, into Thursday, August 18.

River Statements

Flood warnings remain in effect for the Souris River at Westhope and the Willow Creek near Willow City.

River forecasts from the NWS, based on current observations, are as follows:

River	Flood Stage	Last Report	Comments
Souris River near Westhope	10 feet	11.99 feet at 5:00 a.m. August 12	River trend is falling
Willow Creek near Willow City	10 feet	11.32 feet at 4:00 a.m. August 12	River trend is falling

Anthrax cases have now been confirmed by the State Board of Animal Health in 12 counties, including Barnes (13 locations), Dickey (7), LaMoure (11), Ransom (38), Sargent (7) and Trail counties with single locations in Grand Forks, Griggs, Kidder, Steele, Stutsman, Walsh counties. State animal health officials are again

encouraging livestock producers to consult with their veterinarians about immunizing their animals against anthrax.

The SOC received the following reports of storm activity from Emergency Managers:

Bottineau County

On August 10, the County Emergency Manager reported that Lake Metigoshe had receded 33 inches, and School Section Lake dropped 43 inches. The idle speed restriction on Lake Metigoshe was lifted August 9.

Nelson County

Stump Lake measured at 1,432 feet on August 12; flow between Stump and Devils Lakes measured 337 cubic feet per second (cfs). The County Road Superintendent on August 5 closed County Road 24 northeast of Tolna due to rising Stump Lake waters. The 911 dispatch has been notified of the road closure, which will increase response time for Tolna emergency responders.

Richland County

The county received excessive rainfall of up to five inches on August 9 in the early morning hours. The northern part received heavy rains, hail and wind.

4. **RESOURCES:**

LOCAL: No changes from previous reports.

STATE: No changes from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No changes from previous reports.

5. **VOLUNTEER ACTIONS:** No change from previous reports.

6. **MAJOR ACTIONS:** The Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director announced on August 5 that 20 North Dakota counties and two tribal nations are eligible for Emergency Loan Assistance, based on the July 22 Presidential Disaster Declaration that North Dakota received for severe storms, flooding and ground saturation. Those counties include: Benson, Bottineau, Cavalier, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, Kidder, LaMoure, McHenry, Nelson, Pierce, Ramsey, Richland, Sargent, Sioux, Stark, Steele, Traill, Walsh and Ward. The Standing Rock and Turtle Mountain Indian Reservations are included in the declaration. Twenty seven contiguous counties also eligible for assistance include: Adams, Barnes, Billings, Burke, Burleigh, Cass, Dunn, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grant, Hettinger, Logan, McIntosh, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Pembina, Ransom, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Slope, Stutsman, Towner and Wells.

Additionally, two North Dakota counties, Cass and Richland, are eligible as contiguous counties for Emergency Loan Assistance through a Minnesota Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe cold, excessive moisture and lack of snow cover; followed by below freezing spring temperatures and cool wet

weather that occurred between November 1, 2004, and April 20, 2005. Three other counties, Adams, Emmons and Sioux, are eligible for damages and losses due to a Presidential Disaster Declaration issued for South Dakota for a severe storm that occurred on June 7-8.

The deadline for Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1597-DR is August 22 for the 22 counties and two tribal nations initially declared and September 3 for the six add-on counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Bottineau County

On August 10, the Tri County Flood Task Force met to discuss short-range goals in response to the flooding of Oak Creek and Willow Creek watersheds. The Task Force is now focusing on issues downstream. The Willow Creek Water Board and J. Clark Salyer Refuge and McHenry County officials are working with Wold Engineering to identify why water is not moving faster into the Souris River. The Task Force has selected three individuals to develop a study of long-range plans addressing water problems and three others to research securing finances for those long-range goals. N.D. Department of Health staff attended the meeting and will be conducting water quality testing at Lake Metigoshe and report on those results at the next meeting on August 18.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No changes from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No changes from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/des>.

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